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GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

The question of good roads is being agitated in all parts of the country. Virginia is coming to realize its importance and the press, public and business men, farmers and all others interested are persistent in their efforts for this greatly to be desired improvement. And during this winter weather the issue is forced upon the people of Rockbridge as never before. The county people especially want better roads and will not be satisfied without them. The farmers are a class conservative in their views, and slow to move. They do their thinking first and their talking afterwards.

Responding to this demand, the Hon. Walter P. Brownlow, member of Congress from Tennessee, has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives providing for the appropriation of twenty-four million dollars by the National Government to supplement the aid by State governments for the purpose of building good roads throughout the country. The money thus appropriated is to be distributed among the various States in proportion to their population. Virginia's share would be \$538,000 in three yearly instalments. Every State receiving National aid must appropriate and spend a like amount.

A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Lattimer of South Carolina. In the course of his speech in advocacy of the measure, Senator Lattimer stated that the average cost of transporting a ton over a dirt road in the United States has been found to be twenty-five cents, while over the improved roads of Europe it is but ten or twelve cents. He discussed the moral and social advantages of good roads, which would bring the agricultural classes into closer touch with the cities.

The bill sounds well enough and if passed and supplemented by appropriations from the various States would bring untold comforts to our rural population. Such blessing may come in this way, and they may not. Who would enjoy the comforts of life himself must make them possible. And so it is with good roads. Each county of every State must take the initiative. Rockbridge's proportion of the National appropriation would only be a little over five thousand dollars, and that strung out for three years. A like amount from the State would increase the sum to ten thousand dollars. This would construct six or eight miles of macadam road.

Some counties of Virginia have successfully and economically used convict labor, and have thereby been enabled to build good roads at a cost of about one thousand dollars per mile. A practical business man, discussing this question a few days ago, suggested as a solution that Rockbridge issue bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars and apply the proceeds to road-building. With convict labor and this bond-issue one hundred miles of road could be built in the county. The advantages arising from such improvement would soon become apparent in the advance of property and products. Of course the question of raising six thousand dollars yearly to pay interest would have to be considered. Our people are conservative and hesitate before entering into such obligations, but it seems the results would be so desirable that the end would certainly justify the means.

Hon. John W. Daniel was yesterday for the third time elected by the Legislature of Virginia to succeed himself as Senator from the Old Dominion, and the fourth time he has been chosen for this exalted position. Major Daniel's re-election is a fitting compliment to an able and worthy man who has faithfully represented his State at a time when Virginia needed men of nerve and intellectual force.

The United States Senate has passed a bill providing for the appropriate marking of the graves of Confederate soldiers who died in Northern prisons during the Civil War, and appropriating \$200,000 for this purpose.

TO PERPETUATE COURT DAY

That was an important action of the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge at their meeting last Saturday in selecting for their meetings the alternate monthly dates with the Circuit Court days of the county. It will be seen that their meetings occur the second Monday in March, May, September and November, the first Monday in January and the fourth Monday in July. The Circuit Court convenes the second Monday in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. Hence every month in the year there will be a day for court gathering in Lexington as formerly.

The days for the monthly meetings of the supervisors should be recognized as important meeting days, along with the Circuit Court days, and the county people should take occasion to make these days enjoyable and profitable, regular gathering days for business, interchange of ideas, etc. Thus can be perpetuated the old custom of meeting at the Court, Court.

ON VAGRANCY CHARGE

The Staunton Dispatch of Monday says the chief of police of that city had ten white youths before the police court that day under the new vagrancy law. He said he did not like to go to extreme measures at the start, but simply that the police justice might give the idle boys of the city warning of what they may expect. This the police justice did, and it is expected to have a beneficial effect. The chief announces his purpose to make arrests of all, white or black, who come under the law, and take them before the court. He thought it would be better at the start to look after white idlers first.

As yet we have heard of no arrests made in Lexington, although we have many persons, white and black, who "toil not, neither do they spin," yet seem to enjoy the best the land affords.

Legislative Proceedings

Delegate R. G. Mitchell of Rockbridge, offered a bill to have assessed at their true value buildings lots valued for taxation in "boom days."

Waynesboro women having real estate in their names came very near being made voters by the Legislature at the recent session. Mr. Churchman's bill entitled "an act to amend the charter of the town of Waynesboro" gave that right, but it was discovered on Friday when up in this new body. The proposition was to provide for building a school house in the town. There was no enacting clause and the measure was taken up for amendment. On motion of Mr. Opie the words "or female" were stricken out and the bill was made effective on and after the day of its passage.

A very important matter in the House was the introduction by R. S. B. Smith of a bill providing for the Torrens system of land registration. This bill, which had been offered in former Legislatures, but never acted upon, puts the whole question of registration under the charge of a court of land registration, presided over by a judge elected by the Legislature whose term shall be eight years at an annual salary of \$4,000. A meeting of the Confederate Veterans who are members of the General Assembly was held in the hall of the House of Delegates on the 19th for the Lee-Jackson birthday celebration and steps were taken looking to the introduction of a bill to secure the preservation of Confederate records, the idea being to have in the future a history of the Civil War published by the State.

To Restrict Negro Education

A move to restrict the education of the negro to the lower branches was embodied Saturday in bills offered in the State Senate by Mr. Thomas of Lynchburg, and in the House by Mr. Guid of Campbell. One provides for a special yearly appropriation of \$400,000, which is to be distributed according to population, and which the local school authorities are empowered to use in maintaining such primary schools as they see fit. The philosophy of the bill is that the present system of uniform education of the races is not the proper one. The bill does not interfere with the present appropriation for the education of whites and blacks.

The school laws are also amended, with a view to eliminating politics, so that school trustee electoral boards shall consist of three citizens appointed by the Circuit Judge instead of as now, of Commonwealth's Attorney, County School Superintendent and one citizen. Local authorities are further authorized to levy taxes to the full limit of five mills on the hundred dollars, and the section is repealed which requires counties to run schools five months, or certify that arrangements have been made to run them five months before money can be obtained from the State, the opinion being expressed that such a provision would close the majority of the schools.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box 25c.

Improvements in Rockbridge in Past Years

For The Gazette.

SWEET BRIEF BRANCH, JAN. 23.
MR. EDITOR—In my last letter I proposed to tell in this how to build good macadam roads all over our county and pay for same. I would prefer in this to speak of our efforts in years past to get thoroughfares over which to take our surplus products to market.

One hundred years ago and less our only outlets were over dirt roads, often badly located and poorly constructed, leading over the Blue Mountain to far off markets, Richmond, Lynchburg, Seotsville, Baltimore, etc. Farmers hitched up their big horses, five to six constituting a team, to heavy home-made wagons and loading their surplus farm products, trading some for groceries and other necessary supplies and spending from one to three weeks on the trip.

I have heard old wagoners tell that it took a good wagoner to stop on top of the mountain at the Rockfish Gap crossing; if he stopped too soon his wagon would run back and if too far it would run forward. They looked their wagons down this mountain on the east side by chaining a hind wheel, causing it to slide; the descent being four miles it was necessary to change the look so as not to wear the tire too much at one place. The rubber look was invented and put in use about 1830 to '35, to the delight of all the old wagoners.

Also we constructed then little keel bottomed boats along North River and back in the hills hauling them on wagons to the river. They were built narrow and long. The cargo was packed in the middle of the boat and on either side of the load the rowman walked, shoving the boat with long poles. The down stream travel was easy, requiring but little shoving, yet very dangerous on a high tide. I have heard of these little boats running down through Balcony Falls, keeping up with wild ducks on the wing. This sounds unreasonable. I cannot vouch for it.

Our first effort at public improvements in our county was to subscribe to the capital stock of the James River and Kanawha Canal, to help build the branch from Balcony Falls to Lexington. The amount of subscription I think was \$50,000. I don't know that the construction of this branch was a great help, giving us a cheap water way to Richmond and other points, but much complaint was made on account of frequent washouts. We finished paying this debt a good many years ago.

Our next venture was to build a plank road entirely through our county, from Lexington northward to the Augusta county line and south-west from Lexington to the Botetourt county line, a distance of about 35 miles. I don't think we ever fully completed the job. The road did not prove satisfactory; the sun soon capped and twisted up the planks and after a few years it was found necessary to take up the planks and use the road as a dirt road. This line of road in the main is well located and could with little expense be fitted for gravel. I do not know how the money was raised for the building of this road or the cost of same.

Our next venture at public improvements was to subscribe \$300,000 for stock in the Valley R. R., and on account of road not being built the whole distance through our county we compromised by giving our obligation for \$400,000. This certainly was a large debt for our county. If I am not mistaken we have three-fourths or \$300,000 of the original debt paid; also all interest on the unpaid amount of about \$100,000.

Mr. W. G. McDowell is well posted on the financial undertakings of our county, having interested himself in the same to the county's profit, and many of his county friends would be delighted to have him prepare for publication a statement showing the amount of principal and interest paid by the county on canal stock, cost of building plank road and amount paid on Valley R. R. subscription, principal and interest. I would like the people to know the amount we have paid on these several stocks and to remind them that we have never derived one cent of dividend on the whole of them. We paid toll on the plank road, and for any service done for us by either of these companies we have paid for in full.

I am of the opinion that we have, within the last 30 years, paid on Valley R. R. subscription all of \$500,000. (Hope Mr. McDowell will give the exact amount.) Now, sir, this emphasizes in a very emphatic way our ability to put up in less time than 30 years many miles of good macadam roads.

Stops the Cough, Works off the Cold
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets
cure a cold in one day. No Cures, No Pay. Price, 25 cents.

Sherwood
Gentle Correspondence.

Jan. 25.—Mr. Hugh Bradford paid his mother a flying visit last week. His brother, Morgan, has been for several days confined to bed from rheumatism and grippe.

Mrs. Franklin of Montvale, Va., is now the guest of Mrs. J. W. Probst. Mr. Allie Vest of Roanoke, spent several days last week with the Messrs. Burks.

Mrs. James Overton, who has been for some time with her daughter, Mrs. Abbott, in Roanoke, returned to Mrs. John Stoner's several days ago.

We are glad to welcome the Rev. Mr. Kirtner who will make his home here while he has in his charge the Glasgow, Natural Bridge and Arnold's Valley Baptist churches. The members of these churches have purchased Mr. James Wilson's house for their parsonage.

Little Katherine Paxton, daughter of Mr. William Paxton, is very proud of her wee baby sister, to whom she must relinquish baby's place. O. O.
Two million Americans suffer the torturing pangs of dyspepsia. No need to, Burdock Blood Bitters cures. At any drug store.

Destroys Sleep

Many Lexington People Testify to This

You can't sleep at night, With aches and pains of a bad back, When you have to get up from urinary troubles.

All on account of the kidneys, Doan's Kidney Pills bring peaceful slumber; They cure all kidney ills. C. H. Chittum, shoemaker, of Main street, who has been a resident of Lexington for forty years, says: "Reading a column in the newspapers about Doan's Kidney Pills being highly recommended for children in cases of kidney and urinary diseases induced me to go to B. H. Gorrell's drug store and get them for our fifteen-year-old son who suffered more or less all his life from kidney and urinary weakness. At times, especially during the night, the secretions from the kidneys were not under proper control, a fullness or bloating of the face was often noticeable and he complained a good deal of distress in his head and of dizziness. The many different remedies we tried gave him little if any relief until he commenced taking Doan's Kidney Pills. Then we noticed a change for the better right away. By the time he had taken one box he was very much improved. After the great amount of good my child received from the use of this preparation I have not the slightest hesitancy in giving it my endorsement."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents per box. Foster Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

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They used only 32 gallons of the Longman & Martinez Paint mixed with 24 gallons of linseed oil. Actual cost of paint made was less than \$1.20 per gallon.

Saved over eighty (\$80.00) dollars in paint, and got a big donation besides. Every church will be given a liberal quantity whenever they paint. Many houses are well painted with four gallons of L. & M. and three gallons of linseed oil mixed therewith. Wears and covers like gold. These Celebrated Paints are sold by McCrum Drug Co., Lexington, and H. L. Gilkison, Buena Vista.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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We have a large number of Telephone bills past due. We do not ask you to pay in advance, but we must insist on all subscribers paying their bills to

January 1st, 1904.

We are continually at expense and need the money.
Respectfully,
LEXINGTON MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.
Jan. 27, 41.

FREE LESSONS

IN

Knitting and Crocheting

Miss Montgomery has just returned from Staunton where she spent some time learning new stitches in knitting and crocheting, and will be glad to teach this work to any of our customers who will buy the material of us.

W. S. KNISELEY & CO.

NOTICE OF First Meeting of Creditors in the District of the United States for the Western District of Virginia.

In the Matter of W. C. HUNDLEY, Bankrupt. No. 153, in Bankruptcy. To the creditors of W. C. HUNDLEY, of Covington, in the County of Alleghany and District aforesaid, a Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of January, A. D. 1904, the said W. C. HUNDLEY was duly adjudicated Bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of Wm. E. Allen, Esq., in Covington, Va., on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the Bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

R. E. R. NELSON, Referee in Bankruptcy. January 23, 1904.

NOTICE OF First Meeting of Creditors in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia. In the matter of J. L. McGRAW, Bankrupt. No. 152 in Bankruptcy. To the creditors of J. L. McGRAW of Covington in the County of Alleghany and District aforesaid, a Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given, that on the 21st day of January, A. D. 1904, the said J. L. McGRAW was duly adjudicated Bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of Wm. E. Allen, Esq., in Covington, Va., on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the Bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

R. E. R. NELSON, Referee in Bankruptcy. Jan. 23, 1904.

VIRGINIA:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County, January 26, 1904.

ANNIE S. SMITH, Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS C. SMITH, Defendant.

IN CHANCERY. The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii by the plaintiff from the defendant, on the statutory grounds of desertion. And affidavit having been made and filed that the said defendant, Thomas C. Smith, is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit.

A Copy-Test: R. R. WITTE, Clerk. J. V. Grinstead, p. q. TO THOMAS C. SMITH: You are hereby notified that I will proceed on the

19th DAY OF MARCH, 1904, beginning at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the office of P. M. Penick, Commissioner in Chancery, in the town of Lexington, Va., to take evidence of certain witnesses, to be read as evidence in my behalf in the above named suit, and if for any reason said evidence is not begun or finished on that day, the taking of said depositions will be continued from day to day until completed.

ANNIE S. SMITH, by Council.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LEXINGTON, AT LEXINGTON IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JANUARY 22nd, 1904.

RESOURCES.
Loans and Discounts..... \$283,457.16
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 353.13
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation..... 12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds..... 1,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc..... 15,389.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures..... 35,475.61
Other real estate owned..... 5,912.05
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)..... 4,153.12
Due from approved reserve agents..... 16,282.08
Interest on U. S. Stamps..... 86.21
Checks and other cash items..... 1,150.47
Notes of other National Banks..... 800.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents..... 164.27

LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:
Specie..... \$12,434.15
Legal-tender notes..... 3,500.00
Total..... \$393,292.25

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in..... \$50,000.00
Surplus fund..... 30,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid..... 1,119.30
National Bank notes outstanding..... 12,500.00
Due to other National Banks..... 1,619.57
Due to State Banks and Bankers..... 254.01

Individual deposits subject to check..... \$193,499.00
Demand certificates of deposit..... 104,129.19
Certified checks..... 180.27
Total..... \$393,292.25

State of Virginia, County of Rockbridge, ss.
I, R. E. Vaughan, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. E. VAUGHAN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of January, 1904.

FRANK MOORE, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
J. P. MOORE, REID WHITE, JNO. T. DUNLOP, Directors

Fortunes Made in Mines

\$ 90 Invested in La Roi in 1895 realized..... \$120,000
\$ 100 Invested in Calumet & Hecla stock at \$1 per share, netted..... \$154,000
\$ 100 Invested in United Verde stock, at \$1 per share,..... \$ 30,000
\$ 500 In Gold Coin stock is now worth..... \$ 80,000
\$ 80 In Granite Mountain advanced in two years to..... \$ 80,000
\$ 150 In Consolidated Virginia stock, in 48 hours made..... \$500,000

The New York Engineering and Mining Journal gave a list of 215 mines that paid in eleven months ending November 30, 1901, in dividends over

\$145,000,000

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|---|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------|
| U. S. Government Bonds (2s) | 1.72% | \$108.75 | \$106.50 | 2.25% |
| U. S. Gov. Bonds (4s due 1925) | 2.08% | 135.50 | 133.25 | 2.25% |
| British Consols. | 2.81% | 122.00 | 120.00 | 4.00% |
| Total Bond Holdings of the New York Life Insurance Co., | 4.28% | | | 2.08% |

The average 1903 decline, on par value, of all railroad and other bonds on the New York Stock Exchange was 8.40 per cent.

These Figures Tell the Story

T. S. BURWELL, Agent, Lexington, Va.
Jan 20 04

Lexington Produce Market.

Lexington, Va., Jan. 27, 1904.
Flour—Extra..... \$8.75
New Wheat..... 98@1.00
New Corn..... @50
Corn Meal..... @50
Potatoes..... @50
Butter..... 18
Eggs..... 25
Frying Chickens—per lb. @10
Bacon—Hams, country... 15@16
—Shoulders..... @12
—Sides..... @12
Lard—Choice country... @10
Timothy Seed..... \$2.00
Oats..... 70
Red Clover..... 7.00@8.00
Hay..... \$8.00@11.00
Straw..... \$5.00@5.50

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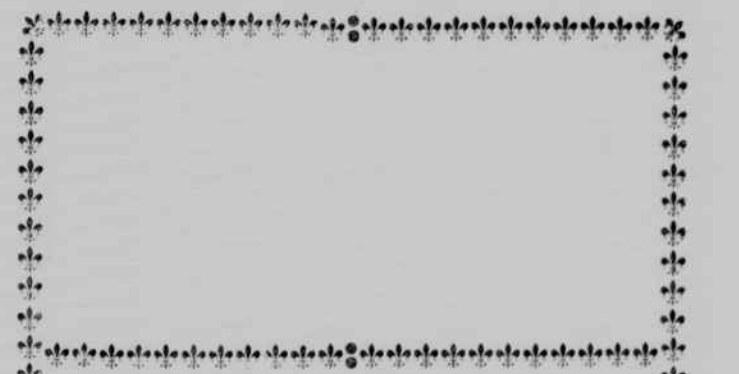
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